Docket No. 1083.1048/1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hasebe et al

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2000, and having a period for response set to expire on November 3., 2000. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to December 4, 2000 (December 3, 2000 being a Sunday).

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings in accordance with the Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Changes to the Drawings filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 1-4, 6, 9-13, 15-16, and 18-22 as follows:

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